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In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiaki Ichikawa, et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF  
CHEMICAL MATERIALS

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 9, please re-write lines 4-6 as follows:

Figs. 2(a) through 2(d) illustrate examples of the data structure of each database  
in the system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment  
of the present invention;

On page 10, please re-write lines 13-15 as follows:

Figs. 14(a) and 14(b) illustrate examples of screens displaying input in the  
system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment of the  
present invention;

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified application has been amended to to clarify the descriptions of figures 2 and 14. Favorable action is solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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Respectfully submitted,

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[Fig. 2 illustrates Examples (a to d)] Figs. 2(a) through 2(d) illustrate examples of the data structure of each database in the system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment of the present invention;

[Fig. 14 illustrates Examples (a and b)] Figs. 14(a) and 14(b) illustrate examples of screens displaying input in the system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment of the present invention;